LoadSpring and Atkins: A Global Cloud Initiative

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CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Global Cloud Coverage: The company's cloud computing needs originated in the United States, but over time, spread across North America, the UK, and the Middle East. This geographic spread meant that not only was there a variety of software needed and utilized in various locations but also that there were latency issues in hosted software in the ex-US locations. Cost breakdown structures were distinct in each country, which didn't allow for global data rollup.

LoadSpring proposed a multi-cloud, Global Cloud solution, with data centers in North America and the UK. The regional clouds enhanced application performance, which in turn increased enterprise-level efficiency. LoadSpring's custom cloud services also enabled single sign-on to all applications and allowed administrators to provision, assign, and report on users from a global level.

Distributed sites needed various hosted applications, including Oracle's Primavera P6 EPPM, Primavera Risk Analysis, and Primavera Analytics. The global cloud solution allowed for data capture from different environments, which then facilitated Atkins' ultimate goal of global, unified reporting.

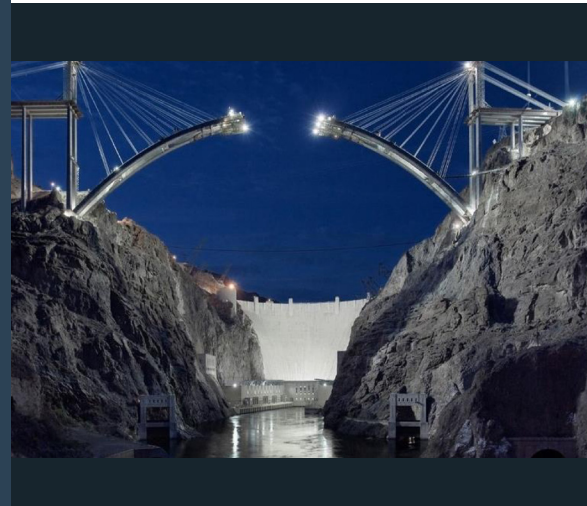## LOADSPRING

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Testing the Waters: Atkins was happy with their estimating software for many years. As their business expanded and developed, teams required updates to their cost estimating software but wanted options to determine what best suited their needs. LoadSpring was able to simultaneously deploy five test drive cost estimating software packages to Atkins via LoadSpring Cloud Platform. Atkins was able to quickly try out the software to easily explore features based on their current requirements. The test drive provided Atkins a solution that demonstrated how LoadSpring cloud hosting brings agility and flexibility to their use case scenario.

Atkins quickly took advantage of the evaluation, and LoadSpring migrated the entire company to the new software package, iTWO costX®, rapidly with zero downtime. All data from the previous application integrated seamlessly and was immediately available to users. LoadSpring's cloud-hosted software expertise provided time to value in testing and rapid deployment; the migration to new software also supported continuous business intelligence by the careful merging and integrating of data between the old and new applications.

Looking Ahead: Atkins' two-pronged cloud maturity initiative resulted in increased operational efficiencies, consolidated worldwide reporting, easy license management, wider software adoption, and improved application performance. With these successes in hand, Atkins continues to work with LoadSpring to expand its worldwide cloud coverage and hosted software user base.

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